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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MAY 19, 1999

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

VIRGINIA LINEN SERVICE, INC.,  
Complainant,

v.

CASE NO. PUE990106

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY,  
Defendant.

PRELIMINARY ORDER

On March 1, 1999, Virginia Linen Service, Inc. ("Virginia Linen" or "the Customer") filed a formal complaint against Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "the Utility") pursuant to Rule 5:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Procedural Rules"). Virginia Linen, a Virginia Power customer, requests that the Commission review Virginia Power's position regarding the Utility's obligations under § 56-234.1 of the Code of Virginia. Virginia Linen asserts that, pursuant to a request it made to Virginia Power under § 56-234.1 in February 1996, the Utility should have afforded it the benefit of the Utility's Schedule 10 Rate upon its implementation in August 1996.

NOW THE COMMISSIONN, upon consideration of this complaint, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; that copies of Virginia Linen's complaint and this order shall

be mailed to Virginia Power and its registered agent; that Virginia Power shall respond to the Virginia Linen's complaint; that this matter should be assigned to a Hearing Examiner to conduct all further proceedings in this matter pursuant to Procedural Rule 7:1; and that the assigned Hearing Examiner should establish a procedural schedule for this matter, including scheduling a hearing, if appropriate. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is hereby docketed and assigned Case No. PUE990106.

(2) A copy of this order and Virginia Linen's complaint filed March 1, 1999, shall be mailed by the Clerk of the Commission to Pamela Johnson, Esquire, Virginia Electric and Power Company, P.O. Box 26666, Richmond, Virginia 23261; Patricia A. Wilkerson, Registered Agent, Virginia Electric and Power Company, One James River Plaza, Seventh and Cary Streets, Richmond, Virginia, 23219.

(3) On or before June 9, 1999, Virginia Power shall file a response to Virginia Linen's formal complaint.

(4) Pursuant to procedural Rule 7:1, a Hearing Examiner is hereby appointed to conduct all further proceedings in this matter.